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THE NEW AGE

THE NEW AGE has arrived and now we shall see what this New Age has in store for us. The New Age symbolizes the New Man of the Heavens come into manifestation here on earth and simultaneously comes the destruction of all earthly values. How conglomerate are the values today; rich and poor are thrown together into one mass, but under the rule and reign of the Heavenly Man all shall become rich and poor alike.

I do not like to prophesy for prophecy's sake but this evening as I gaze into the Heavens at New Smyrna, Fla., bordering on the grand Atlantic Ocean I vision a New Order of the Ages foretold by Thomas Paine in his Age of Reason. A New Age where the Rights of Man will stand out pre-eminently above the Rights of the Vested Interests which have gained the ascendency since President Lincoln's time.

Now with a New Age comes a violent Revolution not only here in America but throughout the whole Globe and Humanity shall be shaken from its founda-

tion as never before in the history of the Planet. This shaking shall proceed long enough to loosen man from his material attachments and instead of his so-called foundation planted in the bowels of the Earth, he will find himself like the Aswattha tree of old with its roots in Heaven and its branches extending downward into the minds and hearts of men, a spiritual being complete once he finds his ancient eternal landmarks.

The tendency today is to possess, to own, to outshine, to be successful in wringing the precious gold from the sweat of the brow of others, due either to superior physical powers or through cleverness, sagacity and alertness over your less fortunate brother not given these same powers by nature. But the new tendency shall be to equalize this power of possession so that no man will account himself due owner of anything within the range of the five physical senses. For he now comes to see through awakened spiritual senses that no man ever possessed anything here on the physical plane save an inflated imagination which sought realities in the Valley of the Shadow of Death.

He alone possesses who seeks the Kingdom of Heaven and of Domain first *within himself* and until he gains His inner Kingdom his outer possessions fail him at the grave as fast as he can pile them up here on earth. Each time he dies he has so much more to overcome in his next life by owning and possessing so-called earthly objects.

Now I have arrived at a state in my self-evolution where I can say that I am about rid of all earthly possessions and this is symbolically so as it relieves me of coming back any more to this earth plane and having to go through the same time worn score by

losing life and possessions to gain them spiritually.

I believe once my doctrine sinks into the hearts of Americans we shall have a United Colony of Sacrifice unto the Whole and the One in Many shall become the Ruler thereof where thy Kingdom come on Earth as in Heaven and all selfish interests which have played on the minds and hearts of the Commonwealth through false charity and fake privileges shall be relegated to the limbo of the Dark Forces which must now make way for the Light of Ages to manifest—THE NEW AGE.

STAR LIGHT

HOW beautiful are the Heavens tonight in dear old Florida. One large outstanding star much larger and brighter than the rest surrounded by a galaxy of lesser orbs forming on the whole the Crown of Asphodels, the star-lit Crown of the Ages.

Now star light is not in the Heavens at all, but within your own nature and when you are evolved spiritually you come into tune with the Song of the Celestial Orbs and are able to write down their symbolical meaning which unlocks the doors to man's hidden spiritual nature.

Man is a Star Divine, supreme in nature and the star light is the reflected part of his own Soul and combination of Purity and Peace. A star path to the inner door or Gates of Gold. Oh, for a pure man, a good man, a Heavenly Man; he alone can unlock the pearly gates and gain admission into the sanctum sanctorum of his own Soul. And what then? A knowledge of the Mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven which explains unto him in low, sweet sounds the

science of His own Divine nature, the order of the Universe and the Paths of Peace leading unto IMMORTALITY.

Tonight, forsaken, alone, sick and despondent I rap at the outer gates of the Divine Palace for admission. Today a waif comes to my door, sick, poor, distressed, forsaken, looking for help. I pondered a while, am I to help him; and the inner urge came to lift him up as the good Samaritan of old, heal his wounds and cause him to go on his way rejoicing. The symbolical man was given me in my outer nature to test the inner; would I respond to the call of compassion and help even my deadliest enemy, a Roman Catholic who have almost annihilated me and my work? Yes, sympathy, sweet, kind sympathy are the tears which water the gardens of the Immortal Soul.

I acted promptly and, lo and behold, this evening a message from the stars greet me. "It is all well, Brother, you have crossed the moat of human passions and gained the Vale of Refuge, the Jnana-Marga path to perfection." All Hail the Anointed One, for He has come to Birth in Me.

REVOLUTION!

A MAN cannot live any more unless he belongs to some organization, some society, some lodge or what not. The organization of money, social influence and prestige has forced him to acknowledge allegiance to some Man-made God or Idol of Mammon and unless he gives up his Americanism, his individuality, his Soul freedom and ancient heritage to "think for himself," he is left out in the cold to freeze and starve until he does so.

We are today in a stage of transition that is changing the form of this Planet. Things are falling about us that have stood the test of ages. People are wild with excitement running to and fro inquiring "where will it all end?" The standard of living is getting lower and lower especially throughout these United States contrary to what the lying, false and hypocritical subsidized press gives out. People are without work, money or means to gain a livelihood. Our English-toe-licking President gives out his daily messages of hope and immediate support in the near future of an evanescent prosperity just ahead; of an opening of a cornucopia of plenty to feed the starving millions of Americans who voted for British Herbert to defeat Pope-loving-Al.

But how foolish to expect any change, only advancement to the poor-house and the grave through international complications which Herbert is waiting to place upon our shoulders. Then, if any cry is made against our Foreign Government, troops from Canada, England, France, Germany and Italy can be immediately imported to maintain an International Peace.

People do not see that they are the victims of an International plot hatched out by our three wise men, Taft, Hughes and the astute Elihu Root, backed by our American bankers and men of wealth. Starve and freeze them first, and may chance they will come into this New League of Nations. Humbly and suppliantly make them think that without the aid of Europe, and the Orient we should starve and our whole Country perish. Feed them on International teaching through new societies, fads, isms and religion until they cannot turn otherwise than into the international way of thinking. And once we have destroyed their proud, ancient

Nationalism, we can handle their Souls here and hereafter and make them mere cogs in THE GREAT INTERNATIONAL JUGGERNAUT whose wheels trample down all People and Nations, making them subservient one and all to the "RULE OF GOLD AND OF MAMMON."

People do not see that through mass production, labor-saving devices, chain store methods, that concentrated wealth like Gatling guns soon destroys them. It is the old story of Materialism destroying itself, resulting in a WORLD REVOLUTION, when men shall become as mad, cold, heartless and relentless, in their method of killing all who deprive them of a means of living. Servant shall slay Master, beat their brains out, burn their children and consume their homes, stock and savings. The Fire of Vengeance shall come and some of our foremost men, prominent in International finance and International politics shall hunt the caves in hills like foxes their holes to save themselves from the Wrath of Vengeful People.

The organized order of established Society has had its day and woe be unto their holdings. Religion has been the main deceiver and he who now rides on a Cross of Gold may suffer the pangs of *Gethsemane* with his Master. "MENE MENE TEKEL UPHARSIN." "Thou hast been weighed in the balance and found wanting." The time has arrived for the fall of all Religions and the People set free "to think for themselves." Organizations will be henceforward frowned upon. A cry for the Blood of those who have betrayed their trust shall be demanded.

Revolution! Revolution! Revolution! Throughout the Whole Earth ! ! !

Down with the Autocrats and the Star Spangled Bankers and Up with the New Social Order to usher in "THE NEW ORDER OF THE AGES." We have had enough with servitude and slavery here in these United States which is the very place where the seed of UNIVERSAL FREEDOM dwells, and it may yet prove the place where the first spark will ignite into Flame to set the Whole World Free and show Russia that we have not been denied the means to attain that Freedom even if we are considered the most down-trodden People on the face of the Earth.

The fire is in the People and like some lurid flame that issues forth from some great volcano will rock the Earth and cover those with the wreckage of human woe who have so beastily deprived others to satisfy their own selfish wants and cravings. Though law and order be our National Watchword we flout all warnings when the very ones who are supposed to respect our laws sit in high places and prostitute their powers for foreign ends and purposes.

Back to American Principles and Revolution is the only solution if it only leaves one pregnant Mother to give birth to a New American who is born after all Slave Masters and Tyrants are rotting in their graves.

HARRY E. RICHEIMER.

CRUCIFIXION

IS from the bud of renunciation (of the personal self) that springeth the sweet fruit of Liberation." (Salvation.) Since Liberation or Salvation from this body of Death is the goal of Theosophy naturally we all want to know how to attain this Goal. Crucifixion, renunciation, sacrifice of all earthly attachments is the way, the means and the

end of terrestrial life. To renounce the World one comes into a higher state of consciousness than the consciousness of the World, and coming into a higher state of consciousness than the consciousness of the World the whole mental perspective changes so that the cause of action and its end is discerned by the spiritual awakened Seer.

You will find that your study of Theosophy will include numerous writings, sayings and teachings of the ancient prophets, seers, sages of the past. You will read and re-read these until you are able to quote them at heart. Everything you write will be more or less a paraphrase of what you have seen, heard or read until the day arrives when you become united to your own inner Master or Higher Self; then your regard for your own word will override the sayings and teachings of others, or, in other words, you have arrived at a stage in your evolution where your thoughts become stronger than the thoughts of others who have heretofore controlled you and without which you could not see, write or think.

This control, outward and inward, is the mainspring of all your thought and action until the day comes when you stand alone, think your own thoughts and perform your own actions. This control is the balance power which determines Man what he is. If he cannot stand on his own feet and do his own thinking, he will never attain to Liberation from mundane existence in this life. He will either become a follower of Martin Luther, Mary Baker Eddy, John Wesley, Confucius, Buddha or Zoroaster or gravitate to Free Thought, New Thought or Atheistic Societies who are in turn controlled by the individuals who propagate the literature.

Now Theosophy was originally designed to overcome this enslavement of the Soul to others, but unfortunately it came under the sway of designing men, who in turn controlled Blavatsky and those about her and hence the "Masters of Wisdom" came into play.

The basis of all pure Religion is Sacrifice. Sacrifice of the lower self to gain the Higher Self and its attendant higher state of consciousness. Crucifixion will come after the neophyte has performed his part of the sacrifice and the test of having all worldly attachments withdrawn comes the ability to walk without a body, fly without wings, and speak the LOST WORD, after the breath has departed from the body.

This then is the *sine qua non* of Spiritual development. The corpse must re-become the corpse and lay within its casket with its eyes opened to the false World which surrounds it. The neophyte is then taken off the cross, placed in a New Sepulchre, with winding sheets about it, and the last rites of the "Great Trial" administered by the Powers That Be.

With the power of speaking the LOST WORD comes the power to create. Create your New Earth and New Heaven and even now, here in the flesh, you become as one dead yet seeming alive; where your inmost thoughts take action and already you assume the Sceptre of GOD, His Heavenly Hosts of Angelic Thoughts, the Alpha and Omega (the Beginning and the End).

LIBERATION!

EVERY man who attains the height of prominence in terrestrial life opens up a new plane, sheathe or door within himself. All things are based on vibration. To him who vibrates to

the highest pitch or velocity can command the forms around and about him. He magnetizes the aura of others to do his bidding. He commands the situation, he is master of the seven-fold path leading to the Soul within. He functions on a higher plane than the ordinary run of Humanity, hence his adaptability to isolation, silence and the harmony with the tomb. The "living dead," but become pliable to his hand and he has but wish to conquer.

I know you regard this all as "occultism," but it is "occultism," only in the sense that it deals with the "inner senses," developed through *natural spiritual unfoldment.*

Again Presidents become Presidents through an inner correspondence with the whole body of People gained through a development evolutionary peculiar to themselves. Hence we see men who have been given an intellectual glimpse of their elevation to the Presidential power previous to their installation. It all goes to show man that his nature is of a magic kind with magic doors opening and unfolding inwardly.

He gains entrance to a World within who closes his senses to the outer World through sacrifice, devotion, study, silence, isolation, meditation, sacred muttering and gains realization of the thoughts, emotions, fancies and imaginings which he has conjured up in the past and which now assumes the role of actual reality.

The World Brother is a part of the dream plane at best and once you gain control over your *subjective consciousness* there is nothing on the physical level which you cannot accomplish. Back Magic, I hear you say? No. Magic of the Soul to gain the sweet fruit of Liberation through renouncing the World and all there is in it.

The World today is an upside-down distortion of the real picture World within your own self. Reverse the whole order and you now command the World of your own making to do your bidding.

When once a man gains control over the World and refuses to use it for his own selfish purposes but gives back to the formless forms the power which he has extracted from them, he steps out of the magic circle, closes the doors of the senses and thereafter becomes a Liberated Soul in his own Garden of Eden, the State of Heavenly Bliss.

THE NEW BIRTH

AND Nicodemus saith unto Jesus: "What must I do to be born again, must I re-enter my Mother's womb?" This inquiry on the part of Nicodemus shows conclusively that "Re-birth" was a subject or topic prevalent among the Ancients of his time. And Jesus' reply, "And you a Master in Israel do not know about these things?"

I am safe to say that 999 out of every 1,000 Theosophists in America, Europe and India who profess to know "about these things" especially within the ranks of the Theosophical Society are grossly ignorant on the subject when it comes to speaking with authority and from experience.

I am one who can speak to Nicodemus with Jesus and explain to him minutely the pangs of re-birth and the sorrows, losses and sacrifices engendered by coming through the portals of a New Birth into a New Kingdom here on Earth.

I remember vividly when I attended Protestant Sunday school of our teacher trying to explain what Jesus meant by the "Re-birth," and I now smile at

the credulity of us youngsters being fed with a spoon on being told that "Re-birth" was nothing more or less than a "change of heart, and mind to a new and better Christian life." The teacher didn't know be cause he had himself never experienced this "Re-birth," this self-regenerative period where the physical body gives birth to a New Solar Body, or Body of the Sun, the Wedding-garment of Love," as Jesus is wont to describe it. But we all swallowed the teacher's explanation because we didn't know any better from a man who knew no better than ourselves and who was led by our Pastor who if he knew the Truth has always kept it from his flock and followed the surface or letter teaching.

But the "Re-birth," this being born again whilst here in this human frame is what concerns us and the World today. This gaining the "incorruptible body" as St. Paul describes it, by putting off the "corruptible body." Now by putting off the "corruptible body," St. Paul did not mean to lie down and die and be buried in any grave. St. Paul meant to die unto the old mode of vibration and vibrate to a new thought World where the consciousness of the "Reborn" one changes from a low tension rate to a high tension or Spirit rate of vibration where you "know all, see all, think all in one body, your New Body, born in the Christic or fluidic state of being."

I know I am talking Greek to the conventional mind who do not know and further do not care "about these things," and every Master in Israel and the Theosophical Society do not know any better than did Nicodemus at the time Jesus of Nazareth asked him what sign of the Master he could give that would prove his knowledge "of these things."

Now I would ask the World today and especially the Leaders of the various Theosophical Societies who are supposed to know "about these things," what outward sign can they give or produce that will prove that they have been "born again of the Spirit." Not of "the laying on of hands," "the sprinkling of water," or the "immersion process," but being born of fire, air and the aether to gain the heights above the waves whose step toucheth not the waters of "mundane existence." I for one think that they have all missed the way for I have not seen one outward sign that proves to me conclusively that they have "crossed the moat of human passions, and are free from attachment to this physical body."

The sign, HE NE HOCROSS, has been given me. I dare any member of any occult order here in America, Europe or India, Tibet or Ceylon to meet me face to face and intone the HE NE HOCROSS without falling under my spell. For no man can pass the gates who has not gained power of "slaying himself at will" and immediately resurrecting himself under normal conditions and a normal state of consciousness. I do not mean clairvoyant, semi-consciousness or total unconscious state of mind; but functioning wide awake with all the faculties normal, able to raise their rate of vibration to HE NE HOCROSS and gain Immortal Consciousness here in the body.

Do you know what it means to do this and attain the Goal? "He now stands like a White Pillar in the West upon whose face the rising sun of thought eternal poureth forth its first most glorious waves. His mind like a becalmed and boundless ocean spreadeth out in shoreless space. He holdeth Life and Death in his strong hand" and has slain his personality to gain "Union with his own Higher Self."

THE GEM MERCHANT

HAVE gems to offer
That you fain would buy,
But the gold you proffer
Tempts not such as I.
If you come sincerely,
You must pay them dearly,
Bring another coffer
For their price is high.

Fetch another coffer,
Do not count the cost,
You will have to suffer,
Love and friendship lost.
Fame and name and treasure,
Given with good measure,
From your secret coffers,
To my counter tossed.

Rubies I've to offer,
Rubies rare to sell
But were you in Hell
You were not more in Hell
Than my jewels wearing,
Bought by such daring;
'Tis but fair to tell you
Weigh the question well.

With my gems adorning,
Scarcely do they show,
They will bring you scorning
From some who loved you so.
Who buys from me is fated,
Shunned or feared or hated,
Thus I give you warning,
Tell me, yes or no.

Rubies I've to offer,
Red as was the rood,
By the gold that now you proffer,
You have understood.
I accept and take you,
I will mar and break you,
You pay the price to suffer,
For the stones are good.

—*John M. Waring.*

BEHOLD THE CHRIST WITHIN

—Synopsis—

THE Epic of the Divine Life deals with the super-conscious plane. Personages: The Blessed One, personates the Higher Self, and Alindah; the awakened soul, sitting at the feet of the Blessed One taking Knowledge.

The Master is not so much an instructor, by giving knowledge, as a readjuster of the spiritual knowledge which she already possesses; hence her first object is to ask questions and by that means to destroy doubt; to adjust or destroy any lingering dogmas or preconceived ideas. It will be obvious, as the epic proceeds, how her idea of the Self "rises," and her conception of what the new life involves, and lastly, her resolve to obey.

Alindah places herself in the position of a disciple that she may be guided in her present difficult task; knowing that having reaped she must sow, she desires to do it in an acceptable manner.

The honor claimed for the Guru, Master, or spiritual guide is excessive; in the Bhagavate Purana, he is put on a level with Deity itself. This fact is mentioned hoping that it may overcome the ambiguousness, to the Western ear, of many of the devotional expressions.

Alindah takes down the fragments of converse, from time to time, which she heads "Notes" and later writes out in full; which represents a continued conversation.

Eternal Truth is one, that there is no dividing line is clearly seen by the wise; neither is there any monopoly.

The Supreme Spirit animates all the material world; it is therefore in nature, but nature is not in it. Men generally, scientists in particular, see only the lower of the Divine dual nature, which veils the higher spiritual part. The material world is called illusion because it deludes men into supposing that there is nothing else. In his proper nature the Supreme is Spirit only.

The soul is an eternal portion of the One Supreme Spirit. The soul never began to be; it can never die; nor can it ever grow old. At the death of the body, which utterly perishes or returns to dust when the soul abandons it, it enters a new body. The doctrine of Reincarnation is distinctly taught.

The soul being immortal it is capable in the body of rising to communion with God, its divine Self; its highest state here is to enjoy that communion; its proper destiny to return to that eternal source from which it sprung.

The Triad, or Trinity; Father, Holy Ghost, and Son; in Sanscrit, Atma-Buddhi-Manas. The Son is the embodied soul within the material body of every-

one; the "prodigal" soul; the Holy Ghost is that which manifests, which has neither substance nor existence, one with the Father "in heaven" the all-pervading, the Christ, the Self, within each soul seated. I say "in heaven," because every man, as to his spirit, is in the spiritual world, without separation from his body in the natural world; hence, "Our Father who art in heaven."

Alindah finds that she is standing between two great armies; that of materialism, trying to erect a church of constructive liberalism without religion as a basis. On the other hand, ecclesiastical dogmatism firmly planted upon their established interpretation of the Scriptures.

That she stands between these two armies to make a way for those who have come out from the orthodox interpretation, but have not swung around to the other extreme; who still hold to the divine teachings of the beloved Master. She would re-unite love and devotion, love and worship. "Love, the greatest thing in the world," if it be not devotion is nothing; love and devotion to the One, the inmost.

On the side of science she would lend her aid in establishing the fact of a complete set of inner faculties of perception in man. That the whole is constituted of the visible and invisible; that no science is complete that ignores the invisible realms of consciousness or vibration; that while our normal consciousness is in the lower rate of vibration, sensation, there is an actual gradation from the lower to the higher rates which we may term degrees of consciousness; and as the soul rises into these states, illumination follows, always accompanied with adoration; devotion, then, might serve as a test, whether the illumination is

intellectual or spiritual, genuine or spurious, whether the soul has *become,* or is only seeing by a reflected light which it calls its own.

She would serve both religion and science; and if science cannot make use of a truthful and honest subject to demonstrate these higher truths which belong to science; where is she to look for aid?

BEHOLD THE CHRIST!

Alindah Spoke:

I thank thee my Father, Soul Supreme!
That thou hast to me the knowledge given,
That mine inner eyes have opened; to see
The soul within me to be the Master;
The Higher Self, the Christ, and Lord of Lords.
That within this soul they all are seated.
Thou are the One inmost eternal Lord.

I am no longer body, I am soul!
I think Thee that I know myself *to be.*
The Soul is One; of finer forces than
All Nature's forces are; brawn and brain.
I love Thee, the best as friend and lover,
When to me Thou art thus manifested.
By what name to call Thee I know not, Lord!

Thou hast been with me always; I call Thee
My own, for Thou hast never left me.
Thou must be a *part of me,* and I
A part of Thee, my Higher Self Thou art.
To me the One altogether lovely!
The best of Beings, the mystic One!
Thou revealest Thyself to *me* alone.
As friend and lover to the loved; Master
I honor Thee as my beloved Guru.

Of Thy ambrosial words I never tire;
At Thy feet I sit a rapt Listener.
When Thou givest to *me* the eye divine
Thy myriad forms I see; that Thou art not
In me alone, but the Christ in every one.

I adore Thee in myself, Soul Supreme!
When this All within my soul I see, Lord,
I would fall on my face and worship Thee.
'Tis thus, by sincere devotion, that we
A recognized portion of Thee become.
Thou speakest to me Thine own love words
Through the voice in my soul that is soundless.

The soul in us, Thy seat and kingdom is;
We need not wait for heavenly bliss, 'tis here
Within the soul; a joyous two-fold life!
Thou art the seat of knowledge, Soul Supreme
Containing all the wisdom of the past
Of sage and seer, which is at our command;
Hence do we mortals little know our greatness.

The Blessed One:

To those in union with the Soul Supreme,
There is no death, or birth; the soul has doffed
Its mortal coil, and donned immortal robes.
Invisible to mortals here below,
Save to such as have themselves attained.
Thus the mystic Christ dwells unobserved
Protected by this divine illusion,
That the soul in man may be perfected.

Alindah:

Thou inmost One, how may I know Thee?

The Blessed One:

Thou wilt know, for knowing is becoming:
Thou'lt be one with me, wilt be as myself.

Alindah:

No speech but the divine voice can reach Thee,
No ear can hear Thee but the divine ear;
No eye but the divine eye can see Thee.
Thou sittest isolated and alone.
Yet Thy seat is within the soul of man.
The undivided, in the divided.
And still another higher existence yet;
Thy eternal Self, I desire to see;
Thou, Lord and Ruler of the Universe!
If Thou deemest that it my eyes can see
Show now to me, Thy wond'rous form divine?

The Blessed One:

Look now within thy soul, the inmost see.

Alindah:

When lo! I saw my own Self extended!
No line of separateness anywhere.
With myriads of arms and feet and faces,
With eyes all aglow, and arms extended,
I saw the lowest soul that walks the earth,
In darkness sitting to be a part of me.
This great mystery fills my soul with awe.
That my friend, my enemy, my lover;
Then, are only extensions of myself,
No one can be ignored, not the vilest!
I groan! that in this body I should see,
Millions on millions that are yet to come.
I see in my Self the seed-giving Sire,
One with myself, and one with those to come.
This mystery, I cannot understand!
Show *me,* Thou, Soul Supreme, how this can be?

The Blessed One:

The Christ in *thee,* the undivided, Lord,
Of this created Universe the seat;

The formless Self, is *one* with *me* Supreme,
When thou hast reached the heights, then thou art *That.*
Soul, wilt thou now go on from height to height?
Or, be terrified by thy greater Self;
And thus be drawn back by thy lesser nature?
'Tis thine to choose, this, the moment of choice.

Alindah:

I will proceed, Lord, guided by Thy will.
I would be Thy vehicle, through whose eyes,
Thou mightiest behold the things Thou hast made.
As, the Master, Witness, friend and lover,
That thou mayest be sought after and found.
'Tis mine, to feel that the eye of the Self
Is on all my work. It is done for *Thee.*
My choice is made, I have naught to say!

The Blessed One:

I have anointed thy head and thy feet.
And thine eyes, that the Path they may see;
Thy feet, that they may tread it for Me.

Alindah:

If soul is eternal, every portion
Of soul is eternal, then in the vilest
Human body; we cannot separate from such.
Then God is no respecter of persons;
Of no account is personality.
Personality is but a mechanism,
That, with the span of man's life will perish.

The Blessed One:

Not till the bonds of personality
Are loosed, can the mystery of Self be seen.
And not till then, can you grasp and guide it;
Not till then can you use all its powers,
And devote them to a worthy service.

Alindah:

I am not myself, I am as one sent;
I've joined the heavenly host of witnesses:
I know not whereunto to put my hand;
At what point in the work of the Master's
I am most needed; 'tis for Thee to say!

The Blessed One:

To strip off the husks and reveal the core,
Of the Doctrine of the Kingdom of God.

Alindah:

How can I, assail with my frail arrows
Fastnesses that are now hoary with Time?
How now uproot errors whose giant seeds
Were sown centuries past? That now have sprung
And spread their branches throughout the nations.
What am I, "that Thou art mindful of *me?*
Or, the Son of Man, that thou visitest him?"

The Blessed One:

Put forth thine hand, be but my instrument!
Use all the powers, I vouchsafe to thee
Be not dismayed, for they are slain by *me.*
Thou shalt conquer in the field thy foes.
My arm already hath destroyed them all.

Alindah:

My life, in the divine life is centered;
The life upon which my *soul* has entered.
My soul its great joy can no longer hold.
It breaks into rapt strains of rejoicing!
The day spring from on high hath vis'ted *me.*
Earth has no language in which to express
The excessive joy of the soul's rapture.
The redeemed shall come to Zion, the city
Of our God, with gladness and rejoicing.
The Prodigal soul redeemed from the bonds

Of matter, returns to his Father's house.
Poets, this land of rapture have entered,
Ne'er knowing that it was the "Kingdom"
Spoken of my prophet, mystic, and seer.
Ne'er knowing it was the "Promised Land,"
"Beulah Land," with milk and honey flowing.
My work is done, my redemption is sure;
My Redeemer I now see face to face.
My soul looks up, it breathes its native air;
It speaks once again its native language.
I have raised the Self by myself and found God.
Without expectation of finding Him.
I have attained Thee by overcoming *self*.
To consume it on self, I ask nothing.

Chapter the first; Attain the Self, and you will behold the Christ. —CELESTIA ROOT LANG.

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MR. HARRY E. RICHEIMER,
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Dear Sir:

I find you have been sending your journal to our Downtown Branch Library, located at 42 Adelaide Street West. I am sorry that I have to ask you to discontinue sending it there. If any further numbers come they will not be placed on file, but will go to the waste-basket.

A copy of the January number came into my hands this afternoon, and looking through it I notice this

sentence, "I know the Churchmen think they have captured the attention and imagination of the populous for evermore in giving this childish doctrine of the atonement." I have only to say this, that in view of the fact that millions of the best people on the earth believe in the doctrine of the atonement and base their hopes of salvation on Christ's atoning death, no public library has a right to place on its files a publication that ridicules a doctrine thus held as a sacred belief.

Yours truly,
E. S. CASWELL,
Secretary-Treasurer.

CANADIAN INQUISITORIAL POWERS OF CENSORSHIP

The following letter received from an official officer of the Toronto Public Library shows to what ends these followers of Orthodoxy would prostitute their powers in order to defeat freedom of speech and hold on to the established order of Religion and organized wealth which have joined hands to sap the vitality out of man and give him nothing in return but death and the grave.

Who gave the estimable British gentleman the authority to speak for the masses who pay their just taxes to God and King and who bear no representation in their Public Libraries other than what the representative of organized wealth and religion give them?

Were Theosophy and Divine Life to exact a similar judgment upon the intelligence of the reading public the first cry would be one of inquisition, intolerance, and suppression of their God given beliefs, and the destruction of Human Liberty.

The Doctrine of the Atonement gives Preachers and Priests the job of saving Humanity and once destroyed as it will be shortly by the educated masses, who will come to find that they must save themselves through working out their own Salvation, men like Mr. Caswell will be forced to go to work along with the Preachers.

Dear Friend:

Wherever those copies of DIVINE LIFE are I pray double blessing will come from their lodging place to Divine Life sooner or later. I am only sorry I have not had the joy they would have brought me.

I have $1,000 in a New York bank, been holding fast in the expectation I would have an opportunity of using it as a help toward opening a Divine Life Centre somewhere.

If this "widow's mite" would be of use to Divine Life until the tide of fortune turns I wish you would call on it. If I should come to actual need we will regard it as a loan, otherwise it remains Divine Life's possession to serve however and wherever required and I pray it will prove an opening wedge through which billions will flow as a means of carrying the Gospel of Divine Life to the millions you desire to reach.

I have long been praying for the flood-gates of material treasure to open—Mother Earth's choicest treasures—and flow to the feet of the Master as a means of Broadcasting the Gospel of Divine Life, Light and Love all around the Whole World.

Sincerely yours,

"In the New Order of Ages,"

M. E. G.

PROHIBITION

PROHIBITION enforced is a blessing to the nation, unenforced is its very curse. The light wine drinkers, the near-beer fools and the "take a drink and leave it alone" advocates are the main supporters of a modification clause in the eighteenth amendment. But the men of intelligence, sane reason, character, and common sense, see that in order to attain the highest efficiency of a strict enforcement program the method of procedure must be not only radical but caustic in the extreme. They are now dealing with forces of deadly power which, like dynamite, must be placed in receptacles which guarantee their immunity to danger.

Tell me if you will if President Hoover or any other president who had the welfare of this American Republic at heart had the backbone, character and courage to enforce this eighteenth amendment to the letter and spirit of our constitution whether he could not do it in a fortnight, even if he had to bring the power and arm of the army and navy into action to accomplish its ends. No, say you? And how do you know? You do not know for you have never seen it applied. Bear in mind, this Republic is Spiritual in its nature and exists for the accomplishment of Spiritual ends and once the Power of Righteousness were set in motion by a Spiritual President all the Bootleggers, Wine Bibbers and Whoremasters in existence would bow to the law or be exterminated in its violation. For poison should be put into every bottle of liquor that touches the lips of those whose *personal rights* are regarded as superior to the Rights of Man and the Spiritual Welfare of the Nation.

I for one am convinced that President Hoover is a moral coward in allowing England (his much beloved England) to demoralize our enforcement arm at Washington, D. C., by encouraging the shipment of liquor over the Canadian border. Oh! say you, England does not wish this at all, she is anxious to curb these violators and is doing her utmost to co-operate with our law enforcement league at Washington, D. C. Yes, the crooks at Washington, D. C., are as anxious as England is that Canada should play the part of American bartender and deceive the American Public into thinking that the English Government has no part in the whole affair.

My solution of the enforcement of the eighteenth amendment? It is this. Elect a president who is neither Republican, Democrat, nor English or foreign, but American, and in league with the interests of the American Republic. Get a backbone at Washington, D. C., and elect congressmen and senators who are drys and not half drys or wets. Tell John Bull that from now on every bottle of Scotch or keg of Bourbon that is found floating over the border will be regarded as an unfriendly act to the extent of so many; and when she has reached the limit fixed by our American Government, a good stout paddle in the way of army, navy and planes will take over Canada, clean it from top to bottom and from east to west and any one move on the part of England to interfere will result in the complete annihilation of the English rule throughout the world.

We have been Anglocized, golficized, evangelized, journalized, boozecized, hypnotized and almost paralyzed by our materialistic English cousins, but now a word of warning. Our independence has been too

dearly purchased for defeat at this late date and unless you observe our prohibition laws as we do at home, we shall make it hard for future presidents of colleges or archeologists to find under the debris of the ages a place where once England had a country and the king a grave.

Sharon, Ga.

Editor, The Divine Life Press,
Dear Sir:

Please mail sample copy of an issue of your paper or magazine. While in Savannah, Ga., last year, a Mr. Guerard handed me some of your literature.

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Yours very truly,
H. G. Hill.

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(*THE NEW ORDER OF AGES*)

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NOW that the many thousands who have dropped out of The Theosophical Movement of **1875**, as founded by Madam Blavatsky and Col. Olcott, and which has been carried forward by Annie Besant, are awakened to the real situation and see that there is no Salvation or Liberty to be acquired under the blighting influence of these two Catholic Leaders, (Blavatsky and Besant,) who preach Salvation and Liberation in future ages and not **here and now**, and who have wantonly led the sheep back into the Catholic fold, and have betrayed the trust imposed in them of carrying forward a Theosophical Movement based on inward spiritual truths, which free the seeker from the outward habiliments of forms, ceremonies, symbols and occult influences, which retard and defeat the Doctrine of the Heart, which finds its apotheosis in natural spiritual development, giving supreme authority to the individual himself, in contradistinction to the doctrines of the Roman Church which place a Priest and a Hierarchical Ladder of Supreme Heads between Man and his inmost Spirit, thereby robbing him of self-reliance and self-dependence, and making him the play of outward Masters and forces, against the injunction of Jesus of Nazareth, "Call no man your Master, for one is you Master, even the Spirit within you our own Higher Self, the time has arrived to launch

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